

The new manager of this place of amusement, Mr. James M. Nixon, has been more than ordinarily lavish of his pledges to the public. In his announcements of the programme of his "Midsummer Entertainments," no unmagical modesty has deterred him from promising a multitude of unaccustomed splendors in the new decorations of the Ga den, and a most unusual variety of excellence in the entertainments there to be presented. As it is a tolerably well-authenticated fact that he has been managers whose performances have failed, it is in every respect their rash promises, whose people who read the preliminary advertisement of the wonderful information proposed to be worked in their long-hair "Garden," were somewhat skeptical on the subject, and not disposed to believe in the miracle until they saw it performed.

But we believe it may be truthfully said, that no manager has ever more fairly and faithfully kept his word with the public than has Mr. Nixon in this instance. The "Garden" is now a garden in reality; rare and costly flowers have been employed with the most lavish profusion to beautify every portion of the promenade and the interior of the building. Artificial mounds covered with plants in full bloom; hanging baskets of various varieties of natural flowers; beds of flowers, waxes of flowers, wreaths, climbing vines, and strange aquatic plants meet the eye at every step. The out-door promenade is lighted by lamps, many of them of brilliant colors and fanciful shapes. In the center is a large and exceedingly beautiful fountain in the basin of which a lively and perform a series of semi-burnished gymnastics.

The trees and shrubs are illuminated by small colored lamps, the effect of which in the bright foliage is delightful. A number of marble statues are disposed along the walks, and a "herm's cave" occupies one corner. In the main hall of the building a large fountain has been placed; another fountain is in the center of the outdoor smoking-room; others still in the lobby and in the concert-room, and everywhere the floral decorations are ingenious, profuse, and beautiful. A number of aquaria, one of which is the largest of the sort ever made, are disposed through the main lobby, and are filled with curious plants and aquatic animals.

A new feature in the attractions of the place is the opening the stage to the promenaders. For the two hours preceding the commencement of the entertainments, the stage, arranged as a beautiful garden scene, and made accessible by means of carpeted platforms and steps, is thrown open to the public, so that all can enter that mysterious region "behind the scenes." Seats are placed on the stage; that those who so desire, can sit and regard the house and the audience from an entirely new point of view. As a whole, the arrangements are complete and eminently satisfactory to the public, as was evidenced by the reiterated expressions of delight heard last night.

The house was crowded, and the entertainments were well received, but the performances were protracted to so late an hour, that a particular notice must be postponed. The first thing on the bill after the overture by the orchestra, led by Mr. John Cooke, was a poetic address, which was admirably delivered by Mr. Mark Smith. Then followed a ballet, in which Miss Lina Windmill and the Misses Gale appeared; then a ballad entertainment by Madame Von Berkel and Madame H. Eckhardt. After which came Frank Talford's burlesque of "Atlanta," which has been rewritten by a gentleman of this city, and christened, "The Race-Course of Love." The sisters Nelson, Miss Polly Marshall, Miss Mary Wells, and Messrs. Davidge, Mark Smith, A. H. Davenport, and C. Peters had the leading characters.

LAURA KEENE'S THEATRE.—At this house was produced last night, for the first time, an original farce, by Mr. H. G. Plunkett entitled "Our Japanese Embassy." It achieved a moderate success, but is too tall. The dialogue is, in many instances, smart and good, but the construction of the play is exceedingly bad. Mr. Jefferson and Mrs. Wood were funny in certain introduced songs irrelevant to the piece; Mr. Simmons played exceedingly well an Englishman who has nothing whatever to do with the play; and Mr. Burnett acted capitally a character, known from life, which was made up for, and acted like well-known sexton and tall-manner. The play draws, and cannot long retain a place on the stage.

THE NEW-YORK POST-OFFICE LOCATED.—*The Journal of Commerce* says:

The New-York Post-Office is to remain where it is. Great efforts have been made at different times to procure its removal to another point further up-town, and on several occasions a bargain was actually made with the Government for a site near the Park, on the land formerly occupied by the "Brick Church." But the sellers were unable at that time to establish a satisfactory title, and so the arrangement fell through.

Further investigation on the part of the Post-Office General has recently satisfied them that a better site, all things considered, could not be found for the Post-Office, than that where it now stands. Accordingly the General has purchased this property, and that arrangements will be speedily made for the erection of a substantial and every way convenient and appropriate edifice in place of the present one. We further understand that the new edifice can be constructed in sections, around the present building, so as to avoid the necessity of even a temporary removal of the Post-Office business to any other locality. This is a great point gained, as it will save much expense and trouble, and much inconvenience to the public.

As the appropriation made by Congress for the purchase of the new site was not sufficient to make a very liberal offer for this property, even after it became satisfied as to the desirableness of the location, Two hundred thousand dollars is all that it was willing to pay, while \$250,000 was the lowest sum that the proprietors would consent to take. The fact being ascertained, and that it was out of the question to make a very liberal offer for this property, even after it became satisfied as to the desirableness of the location, Two hundred thousand dollars is all that it was willing to pay, while \$250,000 was the lowest sum that the proprietors would consent to take. 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